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<b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>A separation assembly includes a separation element disposed in a reusable cage. The separation element preferably has a pleated pack with the pleats in a laid-over pleat configuration and two end caps. One of the two end caps is expandable or slidable between a first position and a second position for reducing the forces acting upon the separation element while maintaining a fluid tight seal when the separation element is under the influence of these forces. The application also concerns elongated hollow separation elements which are formed on the one hand of a single hollow pleated pack, on the other hand of adjoining pack sections. It further deals with the arrangement and maintaining of the pleats of the porous medium of the separation element.</p>		